

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action of February 15, 2005.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the opportunity to discuss the invention during an interview conducted July 27, 2005.

During the interview the Examiner indicated that the proposed claim amendments would overcome Endicott. In this connection, it is noted that Endicott operates in the same hierarchy, i.e. class and sub-class. The invention works in data structures that are not the same hierarchy.

The invention also operates in a system which automatically changes the object instance, which is not done in the art.


The Examiner indicated that the amendment to change the term 'entity' to 'device' would appear to be unnecessary. Accordingly, the term has been reverted to the original language.

The Examiner asked for an explanation of the term 'how to arrange' in the amended claim. The term 'how to arrange' refers to instructions for the later step of instantiation, which object instances are created and located in the structures. The amended language states 'the at least one object type describes by means of the formal instances how to arrange object instances'. It is believed that this amendment and explanation is sufficient to answer the Examiner's inquiry.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider his rejection of the claims, the allowance of which is earnestly solicited.

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